

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Summary of Office Action

Claims 1-6, 8, 10-33, 35, 37, 39-58, 60, 61, 63, and 65-70 are pending in the application.

Claims 8, 10-32, and 45-57 were objected to.

Claims 1, 35, 37, 43, 44, 61, 63, 68-70 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by D'Andrea U.S. Patent No. 5,031,935 (hereinafter "D'Andrea").

Claims 2-6, 39-42, 60, and 65-67 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over D'Andrea.

Claims 33 and 58 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over D'Andew in view of ISBN 0-439-20822 (hereinafter "ISBN").

Summary of Applicants' Amendments

Applicant has amended claims 8 and 45 to be in independent form.

Applicant has amended claims 1 and 44 solely in order to expedite prosecution.

Applicant has cancelled claims 35, 60, 61 and 69 solely to expedite prosecution.

Applicants' Reply to the Examiner's Claims Objections

The Examiner objected to claims 8, 10-32, and 45-57 but noted that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant has amended claims 8 to be in independent form. Claims 10-32 depend from claim 8. Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that claims 8 and 10-32 are patentable.

Applicant has amended claim 45 to be in independent form. Claims 46-57 depend from claim 45.

Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that claims 46-57 are patentable.

Applicant has amended features of claim 8 into claim 1. Applicant has added additional features to claim 1. Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that claim 1, and any claims dependent thereon, are patentable.

Applicant has amended features of claim 45 into claim 44. Applicant has added additional features to claim 44. Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that claim 44, and any claims dependent therefrom are patentable.

The 35. U.S.C. 102(b) Rejection

Claims 1, 35, 37, 43, 44, 61, 63, 68-70 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by D'Andrea.

As shown above, amended claims 1 and 44 are patentable for including subject matter determined to be patentable by the Examiner. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner's rejection be withdrawn.

It should be noted, however, that claims 1 and 44 are patentable in view of D'Andrea. For example, D'Andrea does not show or suggest a coin-receivable aperture.

The 35. U.S.C. 103(a) Rejections

Claims 2-6, 39-42, 60, and 65-67 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over D'Andrea.

Claims 33 and 58 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over D'Andrea in view of ISBN.

As shown above, amended claims 1, 8, 44, and 45 are patentable for including subject matter determined to be patentable by the Examiner. The claims rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) depend from either claim 1, 8, 44, and 45.

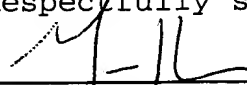
Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner's rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Applicants have demonstrated the claimed subject matter, including the pending claims, is in condition for allowance.

An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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